



SOUTHEAST LICC REPORT



First Steps Facilitator: Sarah Parker (September 2003)

Regional LICC status:

Active LICCs: 6 LICCs representing are active

LICCs in development: Howell County LICC in development

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

1. Provider Recruitment
2. Public Awareness
3. Membership
4. Assisting SPOE

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

Many of the LICCs continue writing Scopes of Work to outline their upcoming activities. They have been busy preparing flyers and distributing them into the public. Some have been making newspaper articles & interviews. They have been getting brochures, flyers, booths & people to the local fairs/health fairs & back-to-school fairs. All are focusing on their membership and getting more people involved. All continue to assist their SPOEs as needed. SPOEs are attending LICC meetings as their schedules allow to provide updates, information and answer questions.

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

Lack of parent participation

Some concerns over low caseloads still exist

Lack of funding is a big issue in rural Southeast Missouri for increasing community awareness

Lack of a monitoring system for SPOEs, SCs & Providers. Concerns about unethical practices without a monitoring system

No mileage reimbursement still an issue for rural Southeast Missouri

Providers & SCs not keeping matrix updated

1-800 number

Key points and significant information to provide LICC:

1. Dent continues working towards becoming an efficient & established LICC in their community. Article placed in local newspaper with LICC information and why so important. Brochures & flyers were given to 400 families during back to school fair.

2. Phelps/Pulaski county meets monthly and have 9 voting members. The by-laws have been developed and adopted, officers have been nominated and voted in. LICC members are contacting local newspapers and submitting articles to assist with community awareness. Members continue to work towards increasing membership. Having difficulty locating new providers willing to drive to rural areas with no mileage reimbursement.

3. Franklin/Gasconade have 15 voting members. They have prepared flyers and they have been distributed in the two counties. They are scheduling meetings with presentations for families. Feel their public awareness efforts are working. Finding that most people have at least heard of First Step in the area. They are looking forward to new referrals from recent recruitment. LICC is very pleased that their SPOE is so involved. Feel that the families are being overwhelmed with the amount of meetings that are requested of them and the length of time each meeting is taking.

4. St. Francis continues building their membership and working on public awareness. Preparing to distribute flyers in the community. Have had one OT, 1 associate SC and 1 SC leave First

Steps due to no referrals. Feel there is a need for a support group for families and will begin work on this project. Reported monthly progress reports used by providers needs more space for notes. They like using the new forms. SPOE attends LICC meetings to give updates, numbers and answer questions.

5. SEMO meets every other month. LICC members continue reviewing/editing articles to be placed in the area newspapers promoting first steps and information on the different therapies.

6. St. Genevieve meets monthly with 10 voting members. A primary outcome is to get the info out to the public about SPOE setup, location and contact info. Continue placing an ads in the Community Calendar and sending informational letters to many agencies who would likely make referrals. SPOE attends LICC meetings to give updates, numbers and answer questions.